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To Senator Brian J. Feldman, Chair

Senator Cheryl C. Kagan Vice Chair

Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

The Maryland Women's Caucus is proud to express our support for HB 14 – County Boards of Education – Bullying, Harassment, or Intimidation – Information Collection and Reporting Requirements.

HB 14 strengthens existing law by adding a clear reporting requirement to Education Article § 7-424. Specifically, the bill requires school systems to categorize and publish hate-bias incident data by targeted victim group. Importantly, this legislation does not create a new data collection burden; rather, it ensures that information already being gathered is reported in a transparent, accessible, and meaningful way. By requiring this data to be clearly posted on school system websites, HB 14 promotes accountability and informed policymaking.

The bill's reporting requirements include hate incidents based on sex and gender identity, providing critical visibility into incidents targeting women and students who identify as women. Without disaggregated and publicly accessible data, it is difficult for legislators, educators, parents, and community stakeholders to fully understand the scope and nature of hate-bias incidents occurring in our schools.

For the Maryland Women's Caucus, this legislation aligns directly with our mission to protect and advance the well-being of women and girls across the state. Transparency is foundational to equity. When data is accessible and clearly reported, it empowers school systems and policymakers to respond effectively, allocate resources appropriately, and ensure that learning environments are safe and supportive for all students.

HB 14 is a practical and measured step toward addressing hate-bias incidents and strengthening protections for vulnerable student populations. By making existing data transparent and accessible, Maryland can better ensure that students—particularly girls and those who identify as women—are able to learn free from harassment and intimidation.

For these reasons, the Maryland Women's Caucus respectfully urges a favorable report on HB 14.